

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. I will start the meeting off with prayer by Alderman Faford and move forward with the Pledge of Allegiance by the City Council. The meeting is viewable on the City's YouTube Channel, Website, and Comcast Channel 4. Moving on to Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to COVID 19 and Social Distancing, the City of Kankakee has modified procedures in order to accept public comments. The following public comments were submitted to: publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov by 3:00 P.M. on Monday, June 15th, 2020.

ALIJAH BOYD:

I made this video...that will be posted on my Facebook page, the video is a visual reminder in a memorial of why black people are protesting. I do not condone the rioting that happens across America but I do endorse the peaceful protests that are happening. Please understand why we protest, why we need to be heard about the injustice that happens to black people and other people of color across America.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Alijah for your comment. That was the only one we had for this evening. We will move on to roll call of the City Council.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT: Lewis.
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Nelson, Schmitz, Bertrand, Hoffman, Ellexson, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item 6 Minutes for Monday, May 4TH, 2020
May I have a motion to approve the minutes.

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and seconded by
Alderman Marshall. Any discussion? I did
contact Clara to let her know there's several errors. Looks
like we lost context of the meeting and some of my remarks
and she says she was getting feedback on the recorder so
she will be making some corrections to the minutes.
Any other discussion? All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries. Those are approved with
corrections. Item B. Monday, May 18th, 2020 minutes.
Motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any discussion on those? Again, Clara is going to go back
through for clarification. Okay. All in favor Aye.

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Alright, those will be approved as
well. Then Monday, June 1st, 2020 those will be provided
at a later day. Item 7 Petitions we have none. Moving on to
Item 8A Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: A Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021. Public Service Sub-Recipient
Award Recommendations (*Information Only*).

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Thank you Mayor. Good evening Council. So, this is the
Public Service Awards per our Community Development

Block Grant dollars, there's a process every year that comes from the Mayoral Advisory Committee and that committee has already met and gone through the applications, and this is the allocations. It's in your packet of what they are recommending that we award. This also went in front of the Community Development Committee, and they voted to bring this to the council. And this is how we do this is, you just acknowledge that you have seen this, that you understand that we are spending the CDBG Public Service dollars that we are allocated to these very various public service entities throughout the city of Kankakee. If you have any questions, but the actual total that we'll be awarding is \$60,540 (inaudible) agencies in their programs. So, we have \$80,000 to spend. We've awarded (inaudible) and the rest will go into the next public services dollar fund which is coming up here in another couple of months. So, you just need to do a quick roll call vote that you have seen this and acknowledge it. This is what we're going to be dispersing over the course of the next about eight months because it doesn't all just come out at once, comes out in different amounts allocated throughout the various months, but we will be making a public announcement in the next month or so to the public, to let them know how much we are spending in that federal dollar for CDBG for public services. So, any questions?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the recommendation?

ALD O'BRIEN: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any discussion on those items? Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes. Do we want to go ahead and let the public know before we vote on what we're going to use this money for the different projects?

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: That is not the HUD process. Okay, there's already been two public announcements, where they could have come and been able to see and apply for these dollars.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Alderman O'Brien you have your hand up. Go ahead.

ALD O'BRIEN: Yes, thank you. Barbie do we get a lot of applications for these dollars?

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: This year we got six applications. One of them was denied and then you can see that the other five were accepted. The one that was denied just didn't send in the proper documents in the time frame that was mandated by the process. We worked with them, we reached out gave them ample time. So that's about on average for the last couple of years. However, I think we can all agree that we can do better with getting the word out so that public service entities can apply for these dollars, which we will definitely work hard to do. We have some public service dollars that we made public through the Cares Act. And then we have another round of CDBG public service dollars another 80,000 to also disperse towards the end of the year so that process starts in October, November, and then comes to you guys in the spring through this way. And then we start spending that money.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman O'Brien are you good?

ALD O'BRIEN: Yes, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Brown?

ALD BROWN: This program goes back a long way. We have been doing this a long time. I was surprised I did not see (inaudible) they usually request funds every year.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: They did not apply this year.

ALD BROWN: They did not apply, Wow!

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Not this year.

ALD BROWN: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, we have a motion in a second. Roll call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Standing Committee Reports Item 9A.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9A:

Economic Development – Alderman Tetter
The meeting was held Thursday, April 23rd, 2020
Highlights include: some things are ongoing. But anyway, in a Director's Report want to point out that we had 77 businesses, had been reached and engaged 30% have taken retention. Top city opportunities to change his percentage of public safety, 8 businesses, open in 2019 to 2020 and 8 new businesses are scheduled to open in the next three months, then we got coronavirus five development projects are currently working through retail to multi use developments and still working on developing downtown design guidelines and politically do have those I did see that the Ricky rockets development is under work and planning and engineering. Barbie had given us quite a bit of information on 3 potential craft growers. There was a discussion about the Cares Act, information that was given the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P. M. That's it. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 9B.

ITEM 9B:

Community Development – Alderwoman Swanson
The meeting was held on Monday, May 4th, 2020
Highlights include: There really isn't anything that sticks out to talk about that the information in there. Barbie just let us don't how many applications they're getting on the grants. We talked about the land acquisition policy and procedures, and we also talked about the strong neighborhood house which everybody is up to date on so nothing else.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 9C.

ITEM 9C:

Building & Code – Alderwoman Malone Marshall
The meeting was held on Thursday, May 21st, 2020
Highlights include: We discussed rental fees, and that part of the article, it had been five years, since there had been an increase in the rental license inspection fees. So, we voted to delay it until January of 2021. But we did vote in the committee boosted up \$5 to from 65 to \$70. And then for every additional to boosted up \$1 from \$11 to \$12. We also

talked about illegal dumping, and how we have such an issue with that. A lot of our people are having problems, especially with the empty lots with people dumping. Hopefully the cameras, will be able to prevent some of that. Thank you so much for the dumpsters because they may have prevented a lot of dumping that would have occurred from the flooding. Also, we talked about the spring cleanup which we will talk about that again in our next meeting. We discussed the rental ordinance. We have some issues as far as some people misinterpreting the amount of inspections that come with the rental license. So, for clarifications, we have requested, and voted on changing anything that says, bi-annually in that ordinance, and change it to every two years.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 9D.

ITEM 9D:

Ordinance – Alderman Tall

The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020

Highlights include: We brought a new ordinance to the ordinance committee. The ordinance is for the protection of employee's freedom of expression. We're ongoing with that. We've talked with Burt, and the conversation is continuing we'll bring back something at the next meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 9E.

ITEM 9E:

Public Safety – Alderman Osenga

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020

Highlights include: We met at 530 P.M. Chief Schuldt was there for the fire department. We had bills and amount, little over \$25,000 from fire the side. It should be noted that about \$10,000 of those \$25,000 are for vehicle repairs. Vehicles that are starting to get old and we're starting to see that as the bills come down over time was up due to a manpower shortage that was almost \$18,000.00 and 76 percent of the calls for service which is pretty much a month, were ambulance calls. We did have 6 structural fires but there weren't a lot of damage their total was \$7,100.00 in damages. On the Police side. We had bills, amounting to \$394,739.00 which is a lot but if you take out KanComm bills \$318,000.00 to billed are only around 76,500.00. Out of that \$76,500...\$8000 of that was for vehicle repairs. Once again, our vehicles are starting to get old and we're seeing it as more and more bills are starting to come in. We talked about the overtime on police side

there were seven officers that are off. They are injured or on family medical leave and so that's costing us a little more on overtime traffic was very busy they wrote 184 tickets. And they're also going to be participating in a couple of IDOT details over the upcoming holiday weekend. One thing we discussed was kind of interesting, Chief Kosman talked about a grant that the police department, received for \$48,000.00, for the leasing of a shotspotter system, which could really be interesting. This new system, can locate any shots being fired within a mile square of a shooting situation. So, we should be able to be reported immediately, and hopefully officers will be able to get there, and maybe make some arrests. That was pretty interesting. That's all I have.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on Item 10A Report of Officers City of Kankakee. May I have a motion to approve those bills?

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$262,423.14.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Okay. Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, check number 1189 for Christopher Burke Engineering for \$34,900.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, that was for Hobbie Avenue for March and April. Correct Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: That's correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's for the Hobbie Avenue Project Alderman Osenga.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Thank you, check number 76481 Exxon Enterprise for \$1,700.00 and \$25.00 seems like a new one to me are not familiar with.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I believe that's something police cart or something. Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: The descriptions at 25 foot looks like standard cart. I don't know if Chief Kosman...

CHIEF KOSMAN: I'm here. Exxon is the company we use for our tasers. So, it's for equipment for tasers.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you. It looked new to me. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'm going to write that down. Anybody else have any questions? Alderman Tall?

ALD TALL: Check number 76499 Environmental Services and check number 500?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: To our Environmental Services, Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: It's two parts of course the first one the smaller one is for the Space Center, rent, that is due from city side to the issue, and then the larger check of courses for fuel reimbursement.

ALD TALL: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? I just wanted to point out something that I'm noticing with our bills in terms of car repairs. So, we have several vendors on here who do work for the city of Kankakee. Auto Lab is listed, Best One Tire, Netherton's and Stevenson's. When we talk about equity and being mindful of the decisions that we make and how it impacts business owners and all people in the community. This is an area where we can be mindful. I noticed that a lot of the bills are larger for Stephenson's and Netherton's but Auto Lab sometimes don't get anything. I know that they were closed they had some restricted hours. I know when (inaudible) first started, but when we talked about this a couple city council meetings ago and I remember Alderman O'Brian making some comments. This is an example of looking at systems and equity. So, if we give you know a large repair to one provider, making sure that we kind of

spread that out in an even way is something that we can do as a city to be mindful of equity and making sure that we are supporting all of the business owners. We won't always be even down to the penny but being mindful of that. There's a trend that I see with this. So, I just want to bring that to your attention. Okay, so we have a motion we have a second, no more discussion we'll do a roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (*abstain on check #76505*), Gall (*abstain on check #76517 and check # 1185*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(11) Ayes (2) Nays (1) Absent

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11 Unfinished Business we have none. Item 12 New Business.

ITEM 12A:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building and Building Regulations), Article V (Property Maintenance Code), Section 113 (Licensing of Dwellings) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

ITEM 12B:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building and Building Regulations), Article XII (Fee and Fine Schedule), Section 113.8 (Initial Inspection Fees) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It looks like Items 12A and 12B are related. This is the code ordinances, they are the ones that Alderwoman Malone Marshall that you all worked on. Correct?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL:

Yes, these are the two ordinances that we worked on the one was the rental inspections. We had a change in that have been for the last five years. And so, we voted to move it up \$5, from 65 to 70, but that will not go into effect until January 2021, and also for the additional units to move them from \$11 per unit to \$12 per unit and that's all in that the first ordinance. The second ordinance is a clarification of the amount of inspections that will be done for that from bi-annual, all of those have been transferred into every two years. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. If there are no objections I'll go ahead and

combine Items 12A and 12B Item A. If there are no objections, I'll go ahead and combine. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinances on final passage?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: I guess this goes to Cherry since she wrote this ordinance. Now, am I under the understanding that the renters license will no longer be reviewed every year and it will be a two-year inspection, instead of a one-year inspection?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: That is correct, the renter license is for two years.

ALD CRAWFORD: Then we raised...the license of a total of \$5 then correct.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: That's correct. The initial ordinance was stating that it would be increased by \$1 every year. But that does not occur because of the computer won't accept it. So, five years later now we're increasing it by \$5 from \$65 to \$70. And then for the additional units from \$11 to \$12 and it will go into effect until January of 2021 due to what we're going through right now.

MIKE MCGRATH: Mayor, I'm sorry I'm just reviewing the ordinance. I don't

see where it states, it takes effect in January of 2021. I would just say the Aldermen... there was the motion and second in the vote but I don't see that language. I just don't see that in the ordinance.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That is the intent of the committee as far as Alderwoman Malone Marshall stated, So yes, Mike McGrath. You can make that note as well.

MIKE MCGRATH: I will.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C.

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Approving an Easement Agreement Between The City of Kankakee and Kankakee School District.
(1st and 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I don't see Neil. This is the ordinance approving an easement of agreement between the City and County School District 111 and so for those of you who are not a part of the ESU Board and could not be at that meeting this evening. We have had a number of accidents and Nelson and Court Street in regards to the traffic cabinets. Neil recommended that we move it further away. There seems to be some issues when people are heading west on Court Street when they're making that turn on to Nelson Avenue. So, he did contact the school district they gave us permission to have an easement where we will move the cabinet on their property, basically, and they've given us permission to do that so that we can hopefully avoid additional accidents. I think this cabinet has been hit, maybe four times since then a number of times and we want to definitely stop that. It's expensive to replace these cabinets. So, we're just trying to do our due diligence to make sure we have a better solution here. Like I said, Neil had another meeting tonight that conflicted with this on. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the ordinance.

ALD BROWN: I make that motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the ordinance.

ALD TETTER: Second, your honor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second, your honor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion on this item? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D.

ITEM 12D: Recommendation to Award Bid in the Amount of \$32,803.70 to Outsen Electric, INC., for the Traffic Signal Controller Cabinet Relocation Project at Nelson Avenue and Court Street.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This was discussed the unanimously approved in the ESU I thought it was good practice we'll put it on this agenda as well. This will come out of ESU. Pete, I think you said we can apply for some reimbursement from IDOT because part of this falls in IDOT's right-a-way?

PETE SCHIEL: You are correct. That's a standard procedure we always follow with any of these intersections.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Just so you all know, Outsen Electric is the only bidders

For this project that has the niche with traffic cabinets so the bid is being allotted to them. May I have a motion to approve? Maybe someone from the ESU Board?

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Any discussion on this item? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E Appointments, we have none. Moving on to Item 13 Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Re proclamation of Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I did sign that and Kris notarized that we are expecting an update. Mike McGrath, I believe you say Friday, June 26th is the next update from the Governor?

MIKE MCGRATH: That's correct. That is when we are expecting some update about going to the next phase.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, I wanted to make you all aware of that. Moving on to Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Midland State Bank.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, as you know, I did about the state of emergency defer our vehicle stickers to allow us some additional time to establish a safe way to do processing for both the employees and the public. I'm going to go ahead and defer to Elizabeth on this and want to thank Elizabeth for her work. She has several emails back before the phone calls getting this set up, but I think we have a good plan in place.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Thank you, Mayor. This situation that we've all been in our country's been in the world's been in for several months now. Obviously, I instantly started thinking about vehicle stickers, try not to jump to conclusions, as you can imagine. But as time was going on, and we certainly knew that small groups were still going to be where it was at. We started looking at some other solutions and I along with my team, I had actually thought of a different place that this might be able to be done besides the one but one of my team members actually suggested Midland state's take their old drive thru course on the corner of Schuyler and Station as a possibility that we could have to operate our vehicle sticker process but not be face to face and eliminate that contact between the residents and the staff members. So, we made some phone calls, and we got connected with the gentleman down in Effingham, and we've had very successful talks and in front of you, of course, is the lease agreement. The longest we would be there just because of technicalities would be three months for payment. Just because we've got to get in there as soon as possible to get some of the technological work done. Pete and Wade and Jason have already been over Midlands been so accommodating and letting us into the building and kind of get used to doing an advisement session basically as to how we can proceed technologically speaking, so we may have to get in there a little sooner as provided that this gets approved tonight, and then we'll probably need to be there a little bit past the dates, the key weeks would be July 6th through the end of July 31st, is a Friday. So those would be the weeks and the days that we would sell stickers at \$35 per vehicle, and \$24 motorcycle tags, then starting on the first or the two weeks in August, that was two weeks, that's when the fees would double and we'd be on that standards ordinance. There would be those two weeks, we would be actively using that building for sale from for about six weeks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And we will have Jasmine put out some updated information both first release in social media so that the public knows. And we can also contact the radio to make sure they announced it as well.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yeah, absolutely. We have a lot of details to still work out as you can imagine that my staff has been fabulous in trying to brainstorm through this and I really cannot say enough about Midland State's Bank and partnership and

how well they've been working with us through this situation. Very, very grateful for their partnership.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD GALL: I will make the motion.

ALD TETTER: Second your honor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, Mayor. Just so I understand this. It says, the annual gross rent of a thousand but we're only going to use this for about three months. Is that correct?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, that is correct Alderman. Mike McGrath, of course, has reviewed this contract. If there's any other particulars that need to get worked out to shorten that language, we will certainly do so before signatures taken. I also noticed that but they know our intention is a very short window. The only language in there that they were very particular about was of course that they weren't to get a sale that we would no longer be able to have our business in their building and that seemed more than workable to me.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So basically \$1,000 per month. Alright, Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Curtis (*I am not involved with this transaction but my partner represents the sale of the building*).
O'Brien (*I abstain because I work for Midland State Bank*)
(11) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Abstention (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution Adopting a Land Donation Program and Procedures for the City.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: As you all know, we've been working closely with Barbie

to make sure we get procedures tightened and in place with the city. She developed the form and I'll defer to Barbie at this time.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Thanks, Mayor. I'm just reviewing for tonight. Just looking back. This conversation started at the Community Development Committee level in June of last year. It's been a year of discussion with the committee of community development and economic development, but as you can see, there's been lots of revision and now up for all that work. We are bringing you a policy and procedure to handle acquisitions and donations that come to the city for city owned property. That way we can gauge how best the property is going to be used to be able to report back to the community and to the Council on what it is that the purchaser or the donor is trying to accomplish with the property, and also be able to help establish, you know, a price, working with our other entities and partners, things like that. And of course, sometimes acquisition is part of developer agreements and having something on file that gives us the intent of the purchaser also helps us shape what that deal is going to look like or the agreement, sorry is going to look like and will help us be able to hold them accountable in purchasing city owned property and developing it in a timely fashion. So, this has been a lot of work over a year now from the committee's and from multiple opportunities from you guys, so I'm looking forward to having this adopted. I know we've got some people who would like to have the application right now, so that they can submit it and we can start this new policy and procedure.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I want to thank Alderwoman Swanson who chairs Community Development Agency and Alderman Tetter who chairs Economic Development. A lot of conversations have been going on about this. Did either one of you or Alderwoman Swanson. Did you have anything you wanted to add?

ALD SWANSON: I do not. Make the motion to accept it to adopt it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, hold on just a second. Alderman Tetter did you have anything?

ALD TETTER: No, ma'am, I believe Miss Barbie has covered everything. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion on the floor from Alderwoman Swanson. Do we have a second?

ALD TETTER: Second your honor

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderman Tetter, any discussion? Okay, Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Again, thank you to both committees. Item 14 executive session we have no need this evening. Item 15 there's no action. We'll move on to Item 16. City Council Member comments. Is there anyone who has anything they'd like to share? If you can raise your hand for me Alderman O'Brien?

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD O'BRIEN: A week from tonight we have a special meeting of the budget committee. We continue to work with between the committee the administration and department heads on the budgets. The next meeting will be a week from tonight at 530 via zoom. Also, I've received a number of requests recently for stop signs. I don't know if it's just that time of year or if there's anything. I don't know what is driving that. But there's a lot of interest in that. I think that's probably not unique to our neighborhood. But I just wanted to note that there are people who are requesting that are very passionate, and you know, those are a big deal. So, I just wanted to share that for what it's worth.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Any other Aldermen or Alderwomen? Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: Thank you. I just want to pass on to Chief Kosman A special thank you for the way in which the police department has handled themselves during this uprising. nationally, I've been monitoring what's going on in the city. And it appears that everything seems to be going quite well. And I just want to commend you, and the police department for the professionalism in this.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Any other Aldermen or Alderwomen?
Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS:

Thank you, Mayor. I just want to make a comment that this is being the second meeting in June. I know that the administration has repeatedly promised that we have the city's audit council by now. I know that we're now targeting next month, but we still don't have it. Now we're into July. The audit was due on October 31st and like every audit during this administration, has violated our state statutes by repeatedly failing to comply with the mandatory timelines of October 31st. This is a very serious effect in our city. And I say that because we can't issue bonds right now because our credit rating is suspended. It meant that we had difficulty getting an ambulance and installment payments and had no credit to get it so we had to basically take it off our operating funds. We cannot expect to work on our current budget going forward here without a current auditor review. We need to have the year in budget reconciliations and we can't continue to balance our budget with TIF funds from day-to-day operating expenses...for day-to-day operating expenses, I should say. I just believe this is a failure. We can't not take the financial health of our city seriously. This needs to end right now. It's a very difficult thing and we really need to concentrate on these audits and going forward. I'd also like to mention a second thing. I understand that Natalie Ojeda had submitted a public comment on June 1st, I believe it came. She said she submitted just after three o'clock but it was not read at the last meeting and it was not read again tonight. I think it's important for public to hear our concerns and (inaudible) community. And I'd like to take this time to read her public letter for the record. This is from Natalie Ojeda. As a leader in the Hispanic community, I'm deeply concerned by your decision to eliminate a leadership position in the police department, just as two members of the Hispanic community are in line to be promoted. The lack of leadership positions for both Hispanic and female officers is indicative the failure to be inclusive and equitable. It is unfortunately consistent with other with also excluding expanding students from the scholarship program and from the Kankakee United Initiative to focus on violence in his Hispanic community. We are 20% of your residents and the diversity means that we be given the opportunity for

positions of leadership and not repeatedly excluded. Natalie Ojeda. Thank you,

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Curtis. Anyone else? Alderman Brown?

ALD BROWN: No, I'm just listening.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? All the men are the women. Okay, all right. We will move on to department heads and we will start with Elizabeth.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

ELIZABETH KUBAL: I'm sorry. I said I have no comment.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Can you provide an update on the audit that the City Council has been made aware that the artist will be available this week?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, we're hoping to have a draft this week or early next week as has been communicated in multiple venues at multiple meetings. We are actually on target to be possibly presenting a bond ordinance to the council in early July for future funding and that would mean that we would have to have an audit. So, I have been crystal clear my communication on this note. I don't think I could have communicated anymore, and I just needed that to be said tonight. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright, Pete.

PETE SCHIEL: Nothing at this time. Okay?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Tomora?

TOMORA NELSON: The only thing I have is that our office is still close to the public, but we still accept applications, permit application and payment online. We're continuing to do grass and if you ever have a problem, just make sure you give me a call, but we are still closed to the public as of right now, what we do with applications online. Actually, if you drop it off at the door I will go out there and pick it up but we are still close to the public and if you have any grass trash or anything, just give me a call. That's all I have.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thanks, Tomora. Chief Kosman? Did I lose it? I'm sorry. I lost you. There we go here.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I'd like to talk about a few issues. One is Alderman Osenga brought up already about the shotspotter program. We officially accepted the grant last week and today, I received the proposal contract from shotspotter. I plan on having to legally reviewed and bringing it to the July 7th (inaudible) for their review and approval, and then bring it to the next board meeting (inaudible) we're working on. Everyone agrees the shots fired in town are too high and we're working on that. While we're doing that we're also met our officers are proactively investigating and also trying to prevent the kind of shots fired calls. As an example, this past weekend. On a Friday about 8:00pm patrol stopped the car for traffic violation in the area of where we had a shooting recently in the 200 block South Harrison. They ended up having one person in the car when they checked. He was awarded a warrant and they found a hand gun on this person. Then on the next day on the 14th, and this has been 100 block of East Merchant officers at around one o'clock in the morning, made a traffic stop on a car. When you were talking to the people in the car, one of the subjects ended up running from the officers from the traffic stop, they were able to pursue the subject, and when they caught him, they found him on a short foot pursuit. He found him with wearing a ballistic vest which was something new, and also they found with a handgun in a yard near where they ended up stopping. He was charged with (inaudible) someone on the weapons violations and also with having a ballistic vest. We are being proactive in making arrests for that. Other initiatives that we had in collaboration with the county and the probation department is the ankle bracelets for electronic monitoring of youth that have been some kind of violent tendencies. It does have an effect on the reduction of crime. It makes it uncomfortable for them and makes the children don't think that they were following the at home orders to stay at home detention of orders, because so far, the last month and a half we've had three of them, where they were actually cut off in subjects left. So, you know that they don't not want to have to be detained or stay at their house. We were able to pick up the two of them. One of them was last week, which we think he was involved in a lot of violence in town. So, there might have been why there was a downtick a little bit on this weekend. So, we're working on that. Another way,

just for information to in reference to their ring of program and we had a burglary to a gas station at 2300 block of West station this morning. Three officers responded and there was a window was broken in some cartons of cigarettes were taking taken from it. Somebody had put a ring alert on it from in the neighborhood which is good, but only problem is they use it is saying it was looting and put some other issues in there. It wasn't a looting event and it's not that the police department is monitoring the ring for it and putting it who's can put a post on or whatnot. So, you know, the ring team monitors it and they took off one of the took off the post because of some things that were said on there. So, it is good in regard to that the first time that I know about that something like said happened and it was the ring team had taken it down but I replaced it with the actual crime and the burglary that was there and gave information to the neighborhood. Another interesting point on it is when we got the call for it, there was a it was a white car that they left in a white sedan and one of our other officers saw vehicle, proceeding quite fast down East Court Street at three o'clock in the morning. He started to pursue it, but it jumped on it 57th going north, and because we didn't have anything other than, and this was all in the same time which is a property crime, our policy for police (inaudible) on property crimes, and we terminated the pursuit. So it's working the way it's supposed to work in. It's unfortunate that they get away, but we don't want to be in some major accident or something for property crime, and that's how that works. Another point that I wanted to bring up is we talked the last meeting about people leaving officers being on leaves for different medical reasons. And this week, just so everybody knows we are last couple weeks, we've had two officers that turn into letters of resignation retirements after 20 years of service. Officer Lonnie Sirki is going to be retiring on June 30th and Officer or Patrolwoman Regas is going to be taking some time off for medical leave, she's going to be retiring in the beginning of September. So, we're going to be losing two officers that we're going to be replacing them. In regards to Alderman Curtis, I know the next person on the list is a female Hispanic who lives in town. So hopefully she's able to. I know we're being a background investigation on her. So, we'll be giving her probably a conditional offer of employment, and then it would just be passing the psychological and medical, which is sometimes a problem. but hopefully, we can get the Hispanic female on the job.

So, if anyone has any other questions I can. That's my comments for tonight.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Okay, Kris?

KRIS SCHMITZ: I have nothing mayor. Thank you.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Thank you. two quick things. One, I put together a video kind of explaining the proposed gateway enhancements that I'm working with Jasmyne to put on with social media and explaining the design concept and how it works closely with future plans for the improvements of the 312 Interchange...that should be coming out shortly. On the other item, (inaudible) would be that hearing tomorrow night with planning board on amendment to the zoning code regarding the space parking regulations, those who have not been updated in 15 or 20 years. So, I'm taking a fresh look at that and update the standards to make it look more business friendly and environmentally friendly. So that will be a planning board tomorrow night and if they make a recommendation will then move on to the ordinance committee after that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Chief Schuldt?

CHIEF SCHULDT: I have nothing, Mayor. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Chief. Steve?

STEVE BERTRAND: Thank you Mayor. I'd like to update the council and everyone about the library's plans moving forward in the COVID-19 situation, the curbside service continues. We it's been very popular. We're pleased to say we have two dedicated parking spaces thank you to Heritage Development for allowing us to take parking places where people can drive in when they come to pick up their materials, and we've also added copying, printing and faxing services right now, so if members of the public want to take advantage of that they can come in and we can do that for them. Then when we get to the phase 4 the Restore Illinois plan, we are going to be opening to limited public access so that we will allow 50 or fewer people into the building at one time. We will be requiring masks and strongly encouraging social distancing, we will have guards the clear plastic guards between the public and the staff to help protect everyone involved and we will be beginning

meeting room access. So, as city personnel who have been getting the rooms for free, we will be getting to do that again and we will begin doing rentals but again we will be requiring 50 people or less for auditorium events. And then for our smaller meeting rooms, depending on the size of the room and we can tell you which is which, depending on which one you're requesting. We can accept meetings as well. So, whenever you know we're hoping it starts in July or whenever the Governor is so moving on to phase 4, we'll be doing limited openings with the 50 people or fewer. That's all.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Steve. Barbie?

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Thank you, Mayor. I just want to remind the economic development committee that we have a committee meeting next Thursday at 530. It'll be on zoom. So, you'll get all that information this week, so that's coming to you. Just to let you know, update. We're very much still in the intake and application process. I know that people want us to move fast, but there's a process of procedure and paperwork that we have to turn in to Hud before any money can be dispersed. So that is on a case by case file basis. So, if people are asking you just let them know they can give us a call. We are doing our best to stay in communication with all the applicants about what is going on but if they asked you just say, I know it's a process. We're trying to empathize with everybody about this process, but it is a process unfortunately. So just wanted to give you an update on all that. We do have a waiting list for the residential program and as applicants don't turn in their paperwork at a certain time frame, we move to the next person on the waiting list for residential. Then business, we did hit our mark for 60 applicants, so we are also pausing the intake for any more applications. However, if a business calls us, we can add them to a waiting list as well. So, I just wanted to give you a quick update on that. Feel free to call me if you have any questions, I will answer them. Then just a quick, big thank you to Alderwoman Gall for opening her house to us to let us celebrate National Homeowners Month. There will be some videos coming out. But it is part of June celebration National Homeowners Month so we have some stuff going on from HUD that we are dispersing out to residents as well. So, thank you guys.

JAMES ELLEXSON:

Thank you, Mayor. I have a quick updates and reference to the state official and employee's ethic ethics act (inaudible) each office, an employee must completed this sexual harassment training. I was in contact with our attorneys and this does include elected officials. So, this week you will receive an email from me with a link to a training which was a time when our video then questions after that, once you complete the video, take questions, you submit them back to me. They'll be directions on how to do that. And you have been sexually harassment trained. Alright, if you have any questions, you can always call me. Thanks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Neil, like I said, it's not here. Jasmyne?

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

Thank you, Mayor. Just wanted to let everyone know Right now our Kankakee united virtual expungement fair is happening right now. So, we've been getting a lot of good hits for that. A lot of shares and people who are signing up so that is happening on my city's website. In response to Chris Curtis, I will follow up with Natalie tomorrow to make sure that her comment actually came in through our email. So thank you for sharing that as well. I also wanted to share that Census Day is coming up this week. So, I wanted to thank Barbie and her team for everything that they're doing for the census reminding everyone to take the census and we'll be pushing that as well...And that's all I have.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Jasmyne. Okay, did I get all the department heads? Did I miss any department heads? Okay, I'll move on to my updates. 1. On COVID-19, I just wanted to remind everyone to follow the Kankakee County Health Department for case information. Looks like our numbers have been pretty good. Of course, there's some anxiety around the number of protests that have occurred, where many people, a lot of people wearing masks but also a significant number of people who were not. So we're monitoring that closely. A couple of comments have been made about masks. We ask people to wear masks. We have business owners, that are requiring people to wear masks if they come into their establishment, but there is no law on the books to arrest people for not wearing a mask. We've been trying to just work together with the community to police working with the community, the business owners and various entities about cooperation so that we can keep each other safe. So, I just wanted to make that clear.

Alderman O'Brien already reminded you of the Budget Committee next Monday, which is June 22nd at 5:30 P.M. If as many of these city council members can be present, that'd be great. As we look to move to phase 4, hopefully at the end of the month, I'll be working to figure out our transition to reopening our public places. I started having some brief conversations with some of those department heads about that. But again, I'm following the Governor's executive order. In terms of stop signs, I did receive the email about stop signs and there were some people that sent in some petitions or something. I did talk to Neil last week and he's running the traffic data. As you all know, just because you want a stop sign, doesn't mean you get a stop sign. (IDOT) Illinois Department of Transportation has guidelines and regulations regarding the installation of additional traffic signals. Neal is going to be looking at that data and then we will follow up with you regarding that. Elizabeth already talked about the audit, you all have been made very aware of the circumstances we faced and she has taken this very seriously her team, this entire administration, and she's already spoke to that so. Then the public comment, we have a notification that public comments are to be received by three o'clock so if we don't get them by three o'clock then they're not given to me and I don't read it. I'm not aware of a process for people submitting them after 3:00P.M., for a meeting and then reading at the next meeting. So, I'll follow up with the attorney on that. But if I don't have the comment if it wasn't submitted by three o'clock, that is the rule is three o'clock. And then in terms of... I won't even deal with the other political grandstanding that was going on tonight. We'll follow up with Natalie, as Jasmyne stated and I will address any concerns that she has but given that she is the President over the Hispanic Partnership and they give out scholarships every year to only Hispanic students. I'm a bit confused about the comment that was made so we will follow up with her to address her concerns. And then the last thing I wanted to share in response to police brutality, Chief Kosman and I have been working on a joint statement. And we've been looking at our use of force policies here in the city of Kankakee. So, we did issue our statement today. It says, in response to the injustice of police brutality in our country, the men and women of the Kankakee Police Department pledged their respect for the value of all human life and upholding dignity of all residents, of all persons excuse me. More over the

department personnel understand the actions of those officers reflect negatively on law enforcement as a whole. Sadly, these incidents erode the community partnership that the members of the Kankakee police department strive to improve in their numerous daily interactions with the public they have chosen to serve. We have chosen to take a proactive approach to improving operations within our local department by assessing current use of force policies and considering the other initiatives of the 8 Can't Wait Campaign in which the city is not currently aligned. The 8 Can't Wait initiative created by Campaign Zero provides 8 uses of force policies reforms that Mayors and Police Chiefs implement to reduce violence by 72% and communities. Currently, the city of Kankakee is aligned with 5 of the 8 policy recommendations of the initiative. Furthermore, Kankakee police officers have a mandatory duty to intercede to stop and then report any use of unreasonable force by any other officer. They are trained to do so. Failure to intercede and report can lead to disciplinary action up to termination. Additional areas of focus for our city includes: improving diversity within the department, focusing on training specific to communication and critical thinking, community outreach activities to strengthen relationships with residents, hosting citizen academies for minority communities, providing mentors for entry level officers, and investing in wellness programs. As Mayors, it is our duty to protect our most vulnerable and to create communities where everyone feels safe, loved and valued. As Mayor of Kankakee, I'm deeply committed to systemic change that holds police accountable in communities of color. To me that means revisiting our use of force policy, engaging our community to better understand their needs, committing to practices to strengthen relationships between police and community they serve, and ensuring that police officers are held accountable for their action. We are sharing this vision and asking other Mayors to join us in a conversation call to action to reduce violence to people of color. And then in closing late President John F. Kennedy stated, that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened. It's time for Americans who believe in justice for all to stand together and work in unity to rid our country of police brutality. And that is signed by me and our Police Chief, Kosman. I also want to thank you, Chief Kosman again, for all of your work. We've been doing a lot of work on looking at our policies, reviewing them and just

your example of leadership and respect for the community, as the community raises their voices to address the concerns about these incidents that are happening in our country. So, thank you, thank you to Deputy Chief Hunt and all of our police department, men and women. Without further ado, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.